



POINT HOPE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

POINTING THE HEARTS OF CHARLESTON  
TO THE HOPE OF THE GOSPEL

## **Welcome to Point Hope Presbyterian Church**

*To all who are weary and seek rest;  
to all who mourn and long for comfort;  
to all who struggle and desire victory;  
to all who sin and need a Savior;  
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;  
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;  
and to all who will come, this church opens wide her doors  
and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

Thank you for joining us for worship today. We are delighted that you are here and we hope to be a blessing to you. Point Hope is a new church seeking to point the hearts of Charleston to the hope of the gospel. We desire to be a church where people can experience what it means to belong and live in a true community where Jesus Christ is experienced in His presence and power.

### **Our Worship**

You will notice that we follow a thoughtful and connected rhythm in our worship, called our liturgy. The order of our worship reflects the progress of the gospel in our hearts. In worship, we come together to tell the story of the gospel by the structure of our worship, the content of our worship, and the way that we worship. Parts of our worship service may be new to you. We would encourage you to participate through observation and reflection and welcome the chance to discuss our service with you.

### **Parents of Young Children**

We are so glad you are here. We believe the church is for all people, young and old, and we want Point Hope to be a church where children are seen, heard, and loved. We invite you to keep your children in our service and help them understand and participate. Children learn how to worship by imitating you. We say and sing parts of our worship service every week in order to help our nonreading children to participate.

During the sermon, children ages 4 through 2nd grade are invited to attend Children's Church. There they will participate in an engaging, age-appropriate Bible lesson, songs and activities. Children will return after the sermon to join for the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

If you need to step out during the service, feel free to do so but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me." A nursery is provided for infants and children up to 3 years old. Your child's safety and security are our highest priorities! Our children's ministry is staffed by friendly, well-trained, well-screened workers.

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
The Lord's Day | March 19, 2023

**REFLECTION**

*When human beings give their heartfelt allegiance to and worship that which is not God, they progressively cease to reflect the image of God. One of the primary laws of human life is that you become like what you worship; what's more, you reflect what you worship not only to the object itself but also outward to the world around.*

*~ N.T. Wright, Surprised by Hope*

*The idols of the nations are silver and gold, the work of human hands. They have mouths, but do not speak; they have eyes, but do not see; they have ears, but do not hear, nor is there any breath in their mouths. Those who make them become like them, so do all who trust in them.*

*~ Psalm 135:15-18*

**WELCOME**

**PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** | from Psalm 103 | *God invites us into His presence to worship Him*

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,**

Who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

**Who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**

Who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

**Bless the Lord, O my soul!**

*\* Please stand*

**\*HYMN OF ADORATION** | *We sing praises to God*

*Praise My Soul the King of Heaven*

Words: Henry Lyte. Music: Christopher Miner.

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to His feet thy tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who like me His praise should sing?  
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favor to our fathers in distress.  
Praise Him still the same forever, slow to chide, and swift to bless.  
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, glorious in His faithfulness.

Fatherlike He tends and spares us; well our feeble frame He Knows.  
In His hands He gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.  
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, widely as His mercy goes.

Angels help us to adore Him; ye behold Him face to face;  
Sun and moon, bow down before Him, dwellers all in time and space.  
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise with us the God of grace.

**\*INVOCATION** | *We pray for God's presence, power and blessing in worship*

**\*DOXOLOGY** | *(Glory Words) We praise the Triune God*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** | *Hebrews 12:3-12* | *We hear God's word*

Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. <sup>4</sup> In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. <sup>5</sup> And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? "My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. <sup>6</sup> For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives." <sup>7</sup> It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline?

<sup>8</sup> If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. <sup>9</sup> Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live?

<sup>10</sup> For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. <sup>11</sup> For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, <sup>13</sup> and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. <sup>14</sup> Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION** | *We acknowledge our sin and ask for God's grace*

**Have mercy on us, O Father, for we are like foolish sheep who wander from you, who turn to our own ways. Though you have allowed us to know the voice of the one true Shepherd, Christ Jesus, we reject his voice. We turn to our own wisdom and understanding. Though you lead us in green pastures, we reject the feast that you lay before us. We try frantically to fill ourselves up with things that will not satisfy. Though you lead us by still waters to restore our souls, we dabble with strong currents of temptation. We are easily swept away by the currents of sinful cravings and lust. Though you call us to straight paths of righteousness, we disregard your warnings, ignore your guidance, and rebel against you. We cry for mercy in the name of the Son, the shepherd who became the slain lamb that we might live. Hear our cry, O Lord. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

**SILENT CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDONING GRACE** | *God forgives our sin and gives us grace*

From Isaiah 55

Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live. Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

**\*HYMN OF GRACE** | *We celebrate God's gift of grace*

***Come Ye Sinners***

Words: Joseph Hart. Music: Matthew S. Smith.

Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched, weak and wounded, sick and sore;  
Jesus, ready, stands to save you, full of pity, joined with power.  
He is able, He is able; He is willing; doubt no more.

Come ye needy, come, and welcome, God's free bounty glorify;  
True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.  
Without money, without money come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, bruised and broken by the fall;  
If you tarry 'til you're better, you will never come at all.  
Not the righteous, not the righteous; Sinners Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;  
All the fitness He requires is to feel your need of Him.  
This He gives you, this He gives you, 'Tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended; pleads the merit of His blood.  
Venture on Him; venture wholly, let no other trust intrude.  
None but Jesus, none but Jesus, can do helpless sinners good.

**GREETINGS OF PEACE** | *Welcome and announcements*

**TITHES AND OFFERING** | *We offer our gifts to God*

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*You may also place your gift in the offering box on the table in the back.*

**INTERCESSORY PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER** | *We lift up our requests to God*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**HYMN OF PREPARATION** | *We prepare our hearts to hear God's Word*

*I Asked The Lord*

Words: John Newton, Laura Taylor. Music: Laura Taylor.

I asked the Lord that I might grow, in faith and love and every grace  
Might more of His salvation know, and seek more earnestly His face

Twas He who taught me thus to pray and He I trust has answered prayer  
But it has been in such a way as almost drove me to despair

I hoped that in some favored hour at once He'd answer my request  
And by His love's constraining power subdue my sins and give me rest

Instead of this He made me feel the hidden evils of my heart  
And let the angry powers of Hell assault my soul in every part

Yea more with His own hand He seemed intent to aggravate my woe  
Crossed all the fair designs I schemed, cast out my feelings, laid me low

Lord why is this, I trembling cried, wilt Thou pursue thy worm to death?  
"Tis in this way" The Lord replied "I answer prayer for grace and faith"

"These inward trials I employ from self and pride to set thee free  
And break thy schemes of earthly joy, that thou mayest seek thy all in me,  
That thou mayest seek thy all in me."

***Children are now dismissed for Children's Church***

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**SERMON** | *Jesus's Message to the Church at Laodicea* | Rev. Rob Hamby

**SCRIPTURE** | Revelation 3:14-22

“And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: ‘The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God’s creation.

<sup>15</sup> “‘I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! <sup>16</sup> So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth. <sup>17</sup> For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. <sup>18</sup> I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see. <sup>19</sup> Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent. <sup>20</sup> Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me. <sup>21</sup> The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. <sup>22</sup> He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’”

**SERMON NOTES**



## THE INVITATION

The Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, forever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

## PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

O most merciful Father, we do not presume to come to your Table trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your Table. We humbly beseech you to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us a means of grace in your dearly-beloved son Jesus Christ. Renew us by your Holy Spirit and nourish us with the body and blood of Christ, that we may grow into his likeness and become a living temple to your glory. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Alleluia! Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

**Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Note About Partaking:** The Lord's Supper, also called Communion or the Eucharist, is the family meal of Christians. We invite followers of Jesus Christ to partake of this sacrament: those who have believed the good news, have repented of their sins, and are baptized members in good standing in the Lord's Church. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. We hope that this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with His people, the Church.

"Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself."  
1 Corinthians 11:27-29

**Note About Communion Wine:** *The trays marked "Juice" contain only non-alcoholic grape juice. The other unmarked trays and the common cup contain wine.*

### **Prayer for Those Searching for Truth**

*Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.*

### **Prayer of Belief**

*Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.*

### **Prayer for Those Struggling Against Sin**

*Lord Jesus, give me the ability to see in you the fulfillment of all my needs and desires, and help me to turn from every false source of satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely to me, and run with perseverance the race that you have set before me, looking only to you, the author and perfecter of my faith. Amen.*

### **Prayer for Covenant Children**

*Lord Jesus, thank you for giving me the opportunity to grow up in a Christian family where I am surrounded by the good news of the gospel. Help me to grow in my understanding of who you are and what you have done for me on the cross. Help me learn what it means for me to turn from my sins and trust in you alone for my salvation. Teach me what it means to follow you as one of your disciples. Amen.*

**COMMUNION HYMN** | *We celebrate the family meal of Christians*

*How Deep The Father's Love*

Words & Music: Stuart Townend.

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure  
That he should give his only son, to make a wretch his treasure  
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turned his face away  
As wounds which mar the chosen one, bring many sons to glory

Behold the man upon a cross, my sin upon his shoulders  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers  
It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished  
His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no power, no wisdom  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ; his death and resurrection  
Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer  
But this I know with all my heart: his wounds have paid my ransom

**\*THANKSGIVING**

*Mighty God We Thank And Praise You*

Words: Wendell Kimbrough. Music: Ludwig van Beethoven.

Mighty God we thank and praise you, For this meal, this Bread of Life;  
Precious blood and body, broken, From your Son our Savior, Christ.  
In these mysteries you assure us, We are members of your Son;  
Heirs of your eternal Kingdom, With all faithful people, One.

Humbly now we ask you, Father, In your grace, to make us strong,  
That, with all the saints before us, In good works we may press on!  
Send us out to love and serve you! Send us out to sing your praise!  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Pow'r and glory to your name! Amen

**\*BENEDICTION** | *God pronounces his blessing upon us*

*Benediction means "good word." A benediction is not a prayer. God pronounces His blessing upon His people and sends them out into the world to serve Him. We lift up our heads and our hearts to receive his blessing.*

**\*DISMISSAL** | *God sends us out into the world*

Let us go forth to serve the world as those who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

**Thanks be to God**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *Welcome*

Welcome! At some point during our service, a pad will be passed down your row. We would love for you to fill it out and get to know the person next to you.

### ***Daniel Island Easter Egg Hunt & Community Day*** | April 2, 1:00 - 4:00 pm; Smythe Park

Come and be a part of a delightful Sunday afternoon, where children up to age 12 can enjoy an exciting egg hunt, special relays & games hosted by the Rec Center and other local businesses and groups! Register to volunteer at the Point Hope table through church center or by contacting Matt.

### ***Easter Song & Story*** | April 7, 10:30-12:00 pm; Daniel Island Recreation Center

Join us at the recreation center for a fun preschool Easter event. Children aged 5 years and under can participate in singing, story time, and fun crafts. Afterwards, we will have a catered lunch from Chick-fil-A, a bounce house, and an egg hunt in the adjoining courtyard.

### ***Easter Sunrise Service*** | April 9, 6:30 am; Waterfront Park, Daniel Island

This year, we are excited to be co-hosting our annual Easter Sunrise Service with Holy Cross at the Waterfront Park on Daniel Island! This special service will be facing the Wando River as the sun rises. This will be a wonderful opportunity for us to connect with our neighbors and other members of the community.

### ***Easter Sunday*** | April 9, 10:00 am; Daniel Island Recreation Center

Our main worship service for Easter will take place at the Rec Center at 10:00am. Please bring long stem flowers to help decorate the Easter Flower Cross that will be located in the courtyard. We are excited to worship with you

### ***Giving to Point Hope Presbyterian Church***



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